

House File 241 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to procedures for voluntary annexation.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
3 TLSB 1849HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 368.7, subsection 1, paragraphs a and
1 2 f, Code 2007, are amended to read as follows:
1 3 a. All of the owners of land in a territory adjoining a
1 4 city may apply in writing to the council of the adjoining city
1 5 requesting annexation of the territory. Territory comprising
1 6 railway right-of-way or territory comprising not more than
1 7 twenty percent of the owners of the land area may be included
1 8 in the application without the consent of the owner to avoid
1 9 creating an island or to create more uniform boundaries.
1 10 Public land may be included in the territory to be annexed.
1 11 However, the area of the territory that is public land
1 12 included without the written consent of the agency with
1 13 jurisdiction over the public land shall not be used to
1 14 determine the percentage of ~~territory~~ the owners of the land
1 15 area that is included with the consent of the owner and
1 16 without the consent of the owner.

1 17 f. An annexation including territory comprising not more
1 18 than twenty percent of the owners of the land area without
1 19 consent of the property owners is not complete without
1 20 approval by four-fifths of the members of the city development
1 21 board after a hearing for all affected property owners and the
1 22 county. When considering such an annexation application, the
1 23 board may request that the annexing city provide information
1 24 on the amount of land located in the annexing city that is
1 25 currently vacant or undeveloped and whether municipal services
1 26 are being provided to current residents of the annexing city.

1 27 EXPLANATION

1 28 To avoid creating an island or to create more uniform
1 29 boundaries, an application for voluntary annexation may
1 30 include land of owners who do not consent to the annexation.
1 31 Under current law, land comprising not more than 20 percent of
1 32 the land area may be included in the application without
1 33 consent of the owners. Under this bill, land comprising not
1 34 more than 20 percent of the owners of the land area may be
1 35 included in the application. An annexation comprising not
2 1 more than 20 percent of the owners of the land area without
2 2 consent is subject to approval by the city development board.
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